

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Economic Growth Region 7

Statistical Data for January 2007

March 2007

January 2007 Unemployment Rates

(Preliminary Not-Seasonally Adjusted)

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AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	1/07	12/06	1/06
U.S.	151,924,000	144,275,000	7,649,000	5.0%	4.3%	5.1%
INDIANA	3,266,011	3,078,156	187,855	5.8%	4.7%	5.4%
EGR 7*	108,252	100,760	7,492	6.9%	5.4%	6.8%
Terre Haute MSA**	81,964	76,403	5,561	6.8%	5.6%	6.9%
Clay	13,638	12,610	1,028	7.5%	5.6%	6.3%
Parke	7,867	7,323	544	6.9%	5.4%	6.8%
Putnam	18,421	17,034	1,387	7.5%	4.9%	7.2%
Sullivan	9,362	8,759	603	6.4%	5.4%	7.5%
Vermillion	8,329	7,667	662	7.9%	5.9%	7.3%
Vigo	50,635	47,367	3,268	6.5%	5.5%	6.8%
Brazil	4,000	3,626	374	9.4%	7.0%	7.5%
Clinton	2,308	2,084	224	9.7%	7.6%	10.3%
Greencastle	4,971	4,518	453	9.1%	6.0%	8.9%
Rockville	1,271	1,114	157	12.4%	11.4%	12.8%
Sullivan	1,905	1,775	130	6.8%	5.5%	9.3%
Terre Haute	26,644	24,817	1,827	6.9%	6.2%	7.5%

***EGR 7** includes Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties

** **Terre Haute MSA** includes Clay, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties

***All unemployment rates used are non-seasonally adjusted.

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics – Indiana Workforce Development



REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in January. Overall, 26 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 18 states registered increases, and 6 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 36 states, up in 10 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in 4 states. The national unemployment rate was essentially unchanged in January at 4.6 percent.

Hawaii again recorded the lowest unemployment rate, 2.2 percent, in January. The states posting the next lowest rates were Utah and Wyoming at 2.6 percent each, Montana at 2.7 percent, and Virginia at 2.8 percent. Michigan reported the highest unemployment rate, 6.9 percent, followed by Alaska and South Carolina at 6.4 percent each and Mississippi at 6.2 percent. The District of Columbia recorded an unemployment rate of 6.1 percent.

In January, the South registered the lowest unemployment rate among the four regions, 4.2 percent, followed by the Northeast and West at 4.5 percent each. The Midwest continued to report the highest jobless rate, 5.0 percent. No region recorded a statistically significant unemployment rate change from December. In contrast, three of the four regions posted significant unemployment rate changes from a year earlier: the South (-0.4 percentage point), West (-0.3 point), and Northeast (-0.2 point).

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

JAN 2007 RANK	COUNTY	JAN 2007 RATE
6	Vermillion	7.9%
11	Clay	7.5%
12	Putnam	7.5%
25	Parke	6.9%
35	Vigo	6.5%
37	Sullivan	6.4%

SURROUNDING STATES JANUARY 2007 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not-Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois – 4.6% Indiana – 5.8%
Kentucky – 5.6% Michigan – 6.9%
Ohio – 5.3%

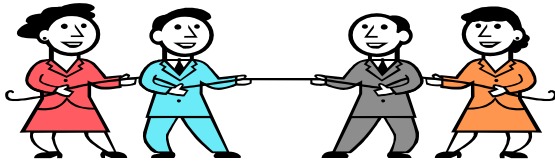
TERRE HAUTE MSA

(Clay, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo Counties)

WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	Dec 2006	Nov 2006	Dec 2005	CHANGE FROM			
				Nov 2006 TO Dec 2006		Dec 2005 TO Dec 2006	
Total Nonfarm	73,400	75,200	72,300	-1,800	-2.4%	+1,100	+1.5%
Total Private	60,400	61,700	58,900	-1,300	-2.1%	+1,500	+2.5%
Goods Producing	15,700	16,100	15,200	-400	-2.5%	+500	+3.3%
Service-Providing	57,700	59,100	57,100	-1,400	-2.4%	+600	+1.1%
Private Srvc Provider	44,700	45,600	43,700	-900	-2.0%	+1,000	+2.3%
Nat. Res & Construction	3,200	3,500	3,100	-300	-8.6%	+100	+3.2%
Manufacturing	12,500	12,600	12,100	-100	-0.8%	+400	+3.3%
Trade, Transportation, Utility	13,900	14,300	13,700	-400	-2.8%	+200	+1.5%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,600	+0	+0.0%	+100	+6.3%
Retail Trade	9,500	9,900	9,400	-400	-4.0%	+100	+1.1%
Trans, Warehouse, Utility	2,700	2,700	2,700	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	800	800	800	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	2,600	2,600	2,600	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Professional and Business	5,200	5,400	4,900	-200	-3.7%	+300	+6.1%
Educational and Health	12,700	12,700	12,200	+0	+0.0%	+500	+4.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	6,800	7,100	6,700	-300	-4.2%	+100	+1.5%
Other Services	2,700	2,700	2,800	+0	+0.0%	-100	-3.6%
Government	13,000	13,500	13,400	-500	-3.7%	-400	-3.0%
Federal Government	1,500	1,500	1,500	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
State Government	4,400	4,600	4,700	-200	-4.3%	-300	-6.4%
Local Government	7,100	7,400	7,200	-300	-4.1%	-100	-1.4%
Local Govt Education	4,000	4,200	4,100	-200	-4.8%	-100	-2.4%

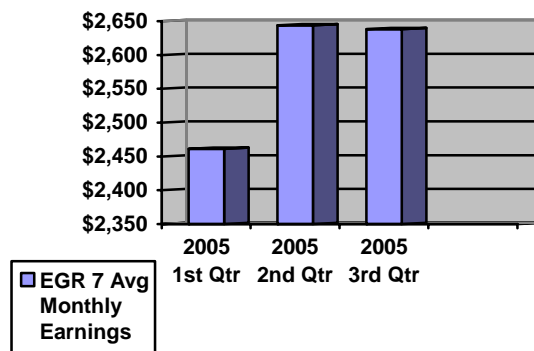
Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

Economic Growth Region 7 Average Monthly Earnings, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Quarters 2005



1st Qtr 2005 – \$2,461
2nd Qtr 2005 – \$2,644
3rd Qtr 2005 – \$2,638

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), Local Employment Dynamics (LED), Avg Monthly Earnings, 1, 2, 3 Quarters 2005.

Bureau of Labor Statistics Reports...

Women hold half of all management and professional jobs in the United States, although often concentrated in certain fields, writes Vicky Elmer in The Washington Post (page D2). Nearly two-thirds of all education administration and three-quarters of all human resources managers are women, but only 6 percent of construction managers and 11.7 percent of transportation and distribution supervisors are, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' annual "Women in the Labor force: A Databook". About 30 percent of lawyers are women, but 86 percent of paralegals and 75 percent of legal support staff members are women. One-third of doctors and surgeons and nearly two-thirds of physicians' assistants are women. In the engineering and computer world, however, women hold fewer than half the jobs. Median weekly pay for women who worked full time last year was \$585, or 81 percent of men's.

Fed up with rising labor costs, a new generation of entrepreneurs is launching millions of tiny companies differing from business in the past: They don't want employees. The trend, building since the late 1990s, hit a milestone this year when the number of these microbusinesses reached 20 million — one for every six private-sector workers, a new analysis of government data shows. In place of paid employees, owners harness new technologies to outsource work, often linking up with other like-minded entrepreneurs to get jobs done in a virtual assembly line spanning the globe. *USA Today*, "Microbusinesses find huge benefits in outsourcing," http://www.usatoday.com/money/smallbusiness/2006-12-10-micros-usat_x.htm.

The New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce, organized by the National Center on Education and the Economy, a nonprofit organization focusing on building a world-class education and training system, recommends that the federal government create individual education and training accounts for newborns, guarantee current workers the means to attain a fundamental literacy level, and encourage regional development authorities (Daily Labor Report, page A-1). Commission members -- which include two former labor secretaries and two former secretaries of education -- warn that U.S. workers are lagging behind in the technical and creative skills needed in 21st century jobs. The United States spends the second-most money on education among developed countries, but ranks in the middle or worse in math, science, and language skills, said Charles Knapp, chairman of the 26-member panel. The commission urged restructuring of the U.S. educational system with a goal of having most students college-ready at age 16. Teacher pay would be restructured to attract more applicants from among the top third of college graduates.



TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE

Source: Indiana Workforce Development,
Research & Analysis, Workforce Transition Unit

WAGE DEMAND INFORMATION

As of 3/18/07

The Department of Workforce Development Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees.

Wage Demand provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants define as their wage expectations.

County/Region	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number Of Applicants
Clay	\$22,731	\$20,800	661
Parke	\$22,708	\$20,800	294
Putnam	\$26,479	\$24,794	743
Sullivan	\$22,709	\$16,770	515
Vermillion	\$22,252	\$20,800	330
Vigo	\$23,010	\$18,720	2,467
EGR 7	\$23,372	\$20,000	5,010
Indiana	\$27,648	\$20,800	161,081

LOCAL OFFICE	January 2007	December 2006	Previous Month % Change	January 2006	Previous Year % Change
Terre Haute	14,925	9,587	55.7%	15,884	-6.0%
INDIANA	427,630	298,213	43.4%	389,630	9.8%

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U)

Unadjusted percent change to Jan 2007 from:

	<u>Jan 06</u>	<u>Dec 06</u>
U.S. City Average		
All Items	2.1%	.3%
Food & Beverages	2.4%	.9%
Housing	3.0%	.6%
Apparel	.9%	-2.2%
Transportation	-.8%	-.5%
Medical Care	4.3%	1.0%
Recreation	1.0%	.2%
Education & Communication	1.8%	-.2%
Other Goods & Services	3.5%	.8%
Midwest Region (All Items)*	1.2%	.1%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

*Midwest Region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis.

Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.



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REGION 7 APPLICANT POOL

As of 3/25/2007

<u>Job Titles</u>	<u>Number of Applicants</u>
Cashiers, General	461
Administrative Assistants	299
Secretaries - Other	269
Receptionists/Information Clerks	384
File Clerks	324
Customer Service Reps -Utilities	264
General Office Clerks	465
Data Entry Keyers, Except Composing	271
Stock Clerks : Stockroom/Warehouse	222
Order Fillers - Wholesale/Retail Sales	251
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	244
Packaging/Filling Mach Operators	227
All Other Machine Operators	406
Assemblers (Factory Work)	972
All Other Hand Workers	364
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	484
Other Hand Material Movers	233
Hand Packers & Packagers	438
Production Laborers	948
Production Helpers	357

*The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for applicants to hire. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical listing of the top jobs being sought by job applicants.

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